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a thin layer forming device configured to form the one-component developer on the conveyor member into a uniform thin layer having a height corresponding to 1 to 1.5 times a diameter of the toner particles of the one-component developer.

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16 11. (Amended) An image forming apparatus, comprising:

a latent image bearing member having a photoconductive surface with a latent image including image areas, at least some of said image areas having different image potential values thereon; and

a developing device configured to perform a two-level developing operation with a one-component developer including toner particles, the developing device including,

a conveyor member configured to convey the one-component developer from a one-component developer supply to deliver the one-component developer with a predetermined amount of charge to a developing region where the conveyor member is closely spaced from and opposed to the latent image bearing member, and

a thin layer forming device to form the developer on the conveyor member into a uniform thin layer,

wherein an absolute value of the predetermined amount of charge of the one-component developer is equal to or less than about 10 $\mu\text{C/g}$.

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-29 are pending in this application. Claims 12 and 14 have been amended to clarify the present invention without the introduction of any new matter and without changing the scope of these claims.